
What is claimed is:

1 1. A method for generating Japanese text in response to signals generated by a user,
2 the method comprising:
3 receiving signals generated by the user which specify one or more collections each
4 of which includes one or more syllables;
5 determining that one or more predicted words include any syllable of each of the
6 one or more collections;
7 presenting the one or more predicted words to the user for selection.

10 2. The method of Claim 1 wherein the one or more collections are each associated
11 with a respective consonant.

14 3. The method of Claim 2 wherein a vowel one of the one or more collections is
15 associated with a null consonant.

18 4. The method of Claim 2 wherein each of the one or more collections corresponds
19 to a row of a fifty sounds table.

22 5. The method of Claim 1 wherein the signals generated by the user specify each of
23 the one or more collections in response to a corresponding individual action taken by the user.

26 6. The method of Claim 5 wherein each individual action taken by the user is a
27 single key press.

30 7. The method of Claim 1 further comprising:

determining a kanji representation of each of the one or more predicted words;
and
wherein presenting the one or more predicted words comprises presenting the
kanji representation of each of the one or more predicted words.

8. The method of Claim 1 wherein presenting the one or more predicted words
comprises:
presenting the one or more predicted words in order of relative frequency of use.

9. A computer readable medium useful in association with a computer which
includes a processor and a memory, the computer readable medium including computer
instructions which are configured to cause the computer to generate Japanese text in response to
signals generated by a user by:
receiving signals generated by the user which specify one or more collections each
of which includes one or more syllables;
determining that one or more predicted words include any syllable of each of the
one or more collections;
presenting the one or more predicted words to the user for selection.

10. The computer readable medium of Claim 9 wherein the one or more collections
are each associated with a respective consonant.

11. The computer readable medium of Claim 10 wherein a vowel one of the one or
more collections is associated with a null consonant.

12. The computer readable medium of Claim 10 wherein each of the one or more
collections corresponds to a row of a fifty sounds table.

1 13. The computer readable medium of Claim 9 wherein the signals generated by the
2 user specify each of the one or more collections in response to a corresponding individual action
3 taken by the user.

1 14. The computer readable medium of Claim 13 wherein each individual action taken
2 by the user is a single key press.

1 15. The computer readable medium of Claim 9 wherein the computer instructions are
2 configured to cause the computer to generate Japanese text in response to signals generated by a
3 user by also:

4 determining a kanji representation of each of the one or more predicted words;
5 and

6 wherein presenting the one or more predicted words comprises presenting the
7 kanji representation of each of the one or more predicted words.

1 16. The computer readable medium of Claim 9 wherein presenting the one or more
2 predicted words comprises:

3 presenting the one or more predicted words in order of relative frequency of use.

1 17. A device comprising:

2 at least one input module for enabling a user to generate input signals;

3 at least one display module; and

4 user input logic (i) which is operatively coupled between the input device and the
5 display device and (ii) which generates Japanese text in response to the input signals
6 generated by the user by:

7 receiving the input signals generated by the user through the input module
8 wherein the input signals specify one or more collections, each of which includes
9 one or more syllables;

10 determining that one or more predicted words include any syllable of each
11 of the one or more collections;
12 presenting the one or more predicted words to the user for selection in the
13 display module.

1 18. The device of Claim 17 wherein the one or more collections are each associated
2 with a respective consonant.

1 19. The device of Claim 18 wherein a vowel one of the one or more collections is
2 associated with a null consonant.

1 20. The device of Claim 18 wherein each of the one or more collections corresponds
2 to a row of a fifty sounds table.

1 21. The device of Claim 17 wherein the input signals generated by the user specify
2 each of the one or more collections in response to a corresponding individual action taken by the
3 user.

1 22. The device of Claim 21 wherein each individual action taken by the user is a
2 single key press of the input module.

1 23. The device of Claim 17 wherein the text input logic generates Japanese text in
2 response to the input signals generated by the user by also:

3 determining a kanji representation of each of the one or more predicted words;
4 and

5 wherein presenting the one or more predicted words comprises presenting the
6 kanji representation of each of the one or more predicted words in the display module.

- 1 24. The device of Claim 17 wherein presenting the one or more predicted words
2 comprises:
3 presenting the one or more predicted words in order of relative frequency of use.
- 1 25. The device of Claim 17 wherein the device is a wireless telephone.
- 1 26. The device of Claim 17 wherein the device is a text messaging device.
- 1 27. The device of Claim 17 wherein the device is a computer.
- 1 28. The device of Claim 17 wherein the input module comprises a numerical keypad.